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This is something that NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) had committed to when the HRT Pre-Payment Certificate (HRT PPC) was introduced in April 2023, and is a significant step towards reducing the burden on pharmacy teams who process mixed prescriptions that include both exempt HRT medicines and paid non-HRT items.  Community Pharmacy England has been pushing for this change and welcomes this important step. However, until the full roll-out of this automation is achieved, prescribers will still need to manually issue all HRT items as single-item prescriptions. | | | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more, including our additional guidance**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0284895daa&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pharmacy First: Requirement to have an otoscope from 1st April As of April 1st, 2024, pharmacy owners must ensure they have an otoscope available, and all clinical pathways must be accessible in physical pharmacies registered for the Pharmacy First service.  This deadline was highlighted in the NHS England letter [announcing the Pharmacy First service](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ee351d1b10&e=d19e9fd41c), which advised that pharmacy owners could start providing the service on 31st January 2024, excluding the acute otitis media pathway, as long as an order for an otoscope had been placed and they were awaiting delivery.  [Read more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=949d632b27&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Medicine Supply Notification: Supply issues with multiple GLP-1 RA products DHSC has issued a medicine supply notification for the following:   * Semaglutide (Ozempic®) 0.25mg, 0.5mg and 1mg solution for injection in a pre-filled pen * Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) 0.75mg, 1.5mg, 3mg and 4.5mg solution for injection in a prefilled pen * Liraglutide (Victoza®) 6mg/ml solution for injection in a pre-filled pen.   Relevant information about these products and advice for pharmacy teams is highlighted in our news story. Pharmacy teams can also check the [Medicines Supply Tool](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e4b176ecd5&e=d19e9fd41c), which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues.  [Learn more](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f5c6f60a81&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | Last chance to register for our Data Security and Protection Toolkit webinar on **Wednesday 20th March at 7pm** to help community pharmacy owners to complete the [Data Security and Protection Toolkit for 2023/24](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=42cc8636b8&e=d19e9fd41c).  This will be a workshop session where representatives from Community Pharmacy England and NHS England’s Digital Team will discuss the Toolkit questions, talk through the available guidance materials, and answer questions about making the declaration. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Register now**](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=4d584867bf&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | [Community Pharmacy England banner](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c33d1acc12&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=84bc39b314&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6aa400b9c3&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=afb1ca4e87&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Website](https://cpe.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=6a825da17c&e=d19e9fd41c) | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Pharmacy England** Address: 14 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LQ Tel: 0203 1220 810 | Email: [comms.team@cpe.org.uk](mailto:comms.team@cpe.org.uk)  Copyright © 2024 Community Pharmacy England, All rights reserved.  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